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District Programs Information Bulletin

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TO: All District Administrative Coordinators
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All District Fiscal Agents
All District Planning Council Members
All District Response Task Force Commanders
All District Response Task Force Medical Group Personnel

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Subject: Preparedness & Disaster Response for 1st Responders Training Course

Purpose

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to announce the delivery of the Preparedness & Disaster Response for 1st Responders course for those individuals interested in the District Response Task Forces. Also this Bulletin is to request available training dates within each district.

General

This course is designed for the District Response Task Force Emergency Medical Group element personnel to acquire awareness level knowledge and skills necessary to successfully respond to a CBRNE and mass casualty/fatality incident. Students are introduced to the principles of emergency management, including Hazard Vulnerability Analysis, phases of emergency management, and critical infrastructure. Incident and scene management strategies for first on scene personnel are described, along with how to apply Incident Command and stress management to any incident. START and SMART triage techniques and application allow the student to hone mass casualty triage skills. Students will also gain knowledge of how to medically manage the effects of a CBRNE incident through descriptions and exercises. Discussions, simulations, exercises, and a final exam enable students to process and apply their new knowledge. This course will last one, 8.5 hour day. This course may be counted for 8.5 Continuation of Education Units (CEUs).

This Informational Bulletin is intended to communicate guidance and clarification of District Programs. The information contained herein supersedes all previous information or guidance pertaining to the subject. This information is intended to help districts plan, prepare, take appropriate actions and collaborate. Any questions pertaining to this bulletin may be directed to the Field Services Division at 317-234-7228. To be added to the District Informational Bulletins distribution list, please send an email to fieldservices@dhs.in.gov.

Please determine three dates, in order of preference, for this one day, 8.5 hour course, to be held within your district. Dates should fall between October 18th and December 1st, 2010. IDHS requests that District Response Task Force Emergency Medical Group Supervisors forward course date requests to John Copeland at jocopeland@dhs.in.gov by October 10, 2010.

This course is a requirement for the District Response Task Force Medical Group personnel, but is open to anyone who would benefit. This course being offered once in each district, so if someone cannot attend the course in their home district, they may attend another.

Questions

Any questions pertaining to the Preparedness & Disaster Response for 1st Responders course may be submitted to John Copeland, Field Services Planner, jocopeland@dhs.in.gov or 317-431-6911.